ये अनुमान सारे देश के लिए तथा राज्यों के लिए किए जाते हैं। राज्यों के डिवीजनों के बारे में अनुमान उपलब्ध नहीं है।

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश की सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना का परिव्यय छठी योजना के 5,850 करोड़ रु. के परिव्यय के मुकाबले 10,447 करोड़ रु. अनुमोदित किया गया है। उक्त हुए योजना परिव्यय में संवृद्धि की दर में वृद्धि करने तथा उन्मूलन कार्यक्रमों अर्थात् एकीकृत ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम, राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार कार्यक्रम और ग्रामीण भूमिहीन रोजगार गारंटी कार्यक्रम की गति को तेज करने के लिए व्यवस्था है। इन कार्यक्रमों से और अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों, छोटे तथा सीमान्तिक किसानों की हालत में सुधार के उद्देश्य वाले कार्यक्रमों में गरीबों की काफी बड़ी संख्या को गरीबी की रेखा से ऊपर उठाने में सहायता मिलेगी।

Indian Prisoners on Hunger Strike in Pakistan Jails

1345. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of Indian prisoners are on hunger strike in jails in Pakistan to protest against their continued detention even after expiry of their sentence;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to get them released from the jails ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Government have seen reports in this regard.

(b) and (c) This matter has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan. Government haev seen reports in this sular access to the prisoners and urged their early repatriation.

Inadequacy of Military Strength

1346. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 28th October, 1987 under the caption "Defence still needs build-up";

(b) if so, whether the military strength in the country is still inadequate to ensure enduring peace; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The size of the country's Defence Forces does not have a direct bearing on the size of its population. The size of the Defence Forces is determined by the length of the borders, security environment in the region, threat to security etc. In addition, the level of modernisation has greater impact on the effectiveness of the Defence Forces than its size. Our Armed Forces maintain full defence preparedness at all times to meet any threat to the security of the country. The military strength, in relation to the security environment is kept under constant review.

Indo-Pak Talks

1347. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister has suggested to the Prime Minister of Pakistan during his recent meeting in Kathmandu that Indo-Pak talks should be immediately started, if so, the details of discussions held;

(b) the reaction of Government of Pakistan thereto; and

(c) by when the talks are likely to commence ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (c) The two Prime Ministers took note of the fact that the dailogue at various levels was continuing and it was agreed that individual issues could thus be sorted out. In this context, it may be mentioned that the Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan are expected to meet in the near future for an across-the-board discussion on bilateral and other issues of mutual interest.

Release of Instalment of World Bank Assistance

1348. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank have detained the release of instalment of their assistance to Sardar Sarovar Project on river Narmada; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what action is being taken by Government to comply with the issues raised by the World Bank with a view to ensure early release of instalment, and the details thereof;

(c) by when the release of the instalment is expected from World Bank;

(d) whether the concerned State Governments are considering any scheme to raise the compensatory forests in place of the existing forests to be submerged; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether big dams would help irrigation and ecology conducive to our country in final analysis; if so, the reasons for the opposition coming against big dams ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) The clearance of Sardar Sarovar Project under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been accorded subject inter-*alia* to raising compensatory afforestation in double the area in degraded forest lands in addition to afforestation on equivalent non-forest land.

(e) Large dams do help in providing irrigation. Their planning and implementation need to be done keeping in view the requirement of environmental and ecological balance. Each case has to be considered on its merits.

Ground Water Resources in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

1349. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that large resources of ground water have been located in Jaisalmer area of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the estimated reserves thereof, and what steps are being taken for its exploitations; and

(c) whether Government have decided to put such projects on priority list, if so, whether the project for tapping ground water resources of Jaisalmer district is ready for implementation, if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) to (c) Ground water worthy zones have been delineated in Jaisalmer District of Rajasthan on the basis of hydrogeological surveys. The replenishable ground water resource potential of the district is estimated at 143 million cubic metre. In Jaisalmer area, during the current year 49 tubewells are proposed to be drilled, 9 out of which have been constructed so far.

Representations by Persons/Organisations from Gujarat

1350. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some Members of Parliament, various trade unions,